



# October 2022



## 2021 OFFICERS

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Jim Loomis

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1st VP-Membership:

Rich Holten

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Craig Anderson

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Sheldon Coleman

Secretary:

Ray Williams

Directors at large:

Guy Reisenauer

Dave Myers

Bill Frier

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Wade

Past President:

Jeff Drowley

## MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month except Mar, Jul, and Aug

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$22

7:15pm - Program - free

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

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**CLUB PURPOSE:** Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 11, 2022, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm.

**PROGRAM:** "What I did on my summer vacation."

As is our custom at our October meeting, members will provide a presentation on fishing expeditions they took over the summer. Our October 11 meeting will feature presentations by Sheldon Coleman entitled "Fishing Paradise", his fishing trip to Alaska's Bear Claw Lodge. Also, Mike Wade will provide a presentation "Fishing in the Shadow of Chinggis Kahn" on his trip to Mongolia, yes, Mongolia.



If there is time, Craig Anderson will provide a review of a trip to the Henry's Fork, which was to include fishing in Yellowstone as well but the day he and four other Casters arrived in Idaho, Yellowstone closed due to flooding on the north end of the Park. So, we should have excellent presentations for the meeting, with in-person speakers!

## Upcoming Fishing Events

**October 8 - Riverfest 2022, Columbia Park**

# President's Message

by Jim Loomis

Summer is over and, if you are like me, you didn't make time for as much fishing as you would like. The good news is that there is still time to correct the oversight. Now that the weather is finally cooling, it is more pleasant to go fishing and places like Lake Lenice fished very well earlier this year. The steelhead count over Lower Granite Dam this year is over 27,000 making it the best year in recent memory for the Snake River and its tributaries. I haven't fished for steelhead in several years but I plan to try the Grand Ronde again this year. Steelhead fishing should be better on the Columbia as well.

The club will have a table at Riverfest 2022 in Columbia Park on October 8 from 10 to 3 and will provide basic fly casting instruction to interested attendees. We hope to attract some new member and increase our visibility in the Tri-Cities.

Attendance at our September meeting was a bit disappointing with only 22 of our over 90 members attending. It is difficult for our callers to contact folks because few people answer their phones due to the large number of nuisance calls and many voice mail messages are not returned. I encourage everyone to respond to our callers and attend our monthly meetings as we enjoy seeing everyone. We also have excellent presentations by knowledgeable fishermen. I always learn something new at each meeting.

We are seeking volunteers for 2023 board president, at-large board member, and newsletter editor.

I hope to see you on the water and at our monthly meetings.

Jim Loomis

## Lochsa Outing Followup

by Craig Anderson

Eight members of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters were rewarded by our annual trip to the Lochsa River staying at the Wilderness Gateway Campground; the weather cooperated, water levels were good, and the fishing was the best I can remember in the years we have been going to the area. There were some fires to the southwest and northeast of us making for a bit of smoky air but certainly not as bad as we experienced in years past. Camping in the group camp were the Wild Yoga Girls of Idaho who were actively using the gazebo for much of the time we were fishing. Because of their presence in the gazebo we held our pot luck at my campsite where we consumed some burgers, dogs, salads, desserts, wine, beer and Fireball. Some 17" and 18" cutthroat trout and many in the 14" range were caught on many different patterns, since the cutts didn't appear to be very fussy about their menu. Fishing pressure was minimal. In the past some of us have ventured down to the Selway for an additional venue, but unfortunately a land slide closed the road right in Lowell so that wasn't in the cards this year. It is a bit of a drive to attend this outing, but it was well worth the drive so please consider joining us next year.

# Fly Casting Injuries

On the Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast of September 17, host Tom Rosenbauer interviewed Dr. Jason Smith, a sports medicine specialist and avid fly fisherman, about the most common casting injuries we fly fishers suffer, their underlying causes, treatments, and techniques to avoid them in the future. Dr. Smith also talks about the physical and mental health benefits of fly fishing. For instance, did you know that 4 hours of wading burns 1000 calories? And a day of fly fishing can reduce the stress hormone cortisol for up to 3 weeks! If you have aches and pains after a fishing trip (or need a good excuse to do more fishing 😊) you really should listen to this podcast which can be found [here](#).

part because the oceangoing rainbow trout stay closer to the surface, a hypothesis some recent studies support.

## Hopeful Steelhead News

The 2021 returns for Columbia River and Snake River steelhead were the lowest on record. In March of this year, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife forecast a 40% improvement for 2022, projecting a return of slightly under 100,000 Columbia River summer steelhead. As of late September, the return has exceeded projections reaching 120,486 at Bonneville Dam. And although this is lower than the 10 year average, it is greater than 54,000 higher than last year at this time and the highest since 2014. Ocean conditions have improved due to a projected third consecutive La Nina year but DFW warns that local warm temperatures and “blobs” of warm water may cancel out some of the benefits of La Nina. Scientists have hypothesized those problems may be affecting steelhead more than salmon in

# August 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

by Ray Williams

The August CBFC Board meeting was held at 7 PM, as a Zoom multiparty connection, per the agenda provided by President Jim Loomis. This meeting was conducted on the third Tuesday due to conflicts with scheduling Zoom support for the fourth Tuesday.

Board members connected: Jim Loomis, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Bill Frier, and Guy Reisenauer.

Secretary's Report – No secretary report as Ray Williams was absent, however, the minutes taken for the June Board Meeting were approved by the Board as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman presented a Profit and Loss Report covering June 28th through August 16<sup>th</sup>. The report indicated that our total assets were above the Club's 11 year average for this present time period. The Board approved the Treasurers Report as presented.

Membership Report – No membership report as Rich Holten was absent.

Programs Report - Craig Anderson reported on his efforts for future programs including the following:

- The September speaker will be Tim Cammisa; speaking on "How to Catch More Fish".
- The October "Member Speakers" will include Sheldon Coleman, Craig Anderson, and Mike Wade. Mike will be presenting his Mongolia Trip.

- The November Speaker will be Skip Morris.
- December's meeting will be the Christmas gift exchange.

Craig will again reserve the Meadow Springs Country Club for our Banquet on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March of 2022.

Conservation Report – No Report

Newsletter Editors Report - Input dates and other issues – Editor Mike Wade was absent, but it was noted that he will need inputs for the September Newsletter before September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business

Anthony Lakes Outing:

The event was attended by 17 people. The weather was great and the fishing was good, especially on Thursday and Friday.

Outings currently scheduled:

- September 8 – 11, Lochsa River, ID – Craig Anderson and Rod Gilge. Club members will be requested to try to stay in the C loop so we can all be close together.

Club Meetings:

Jim Loomis stated that he had signed the contracts with the CG Public House for September thru December and the meal price will remain the same as earlier in the year.

Salmon Booth – Art in the Park:

Despite the hot weather and low attendance at "Art in the Park", the club made a modest profit from the salmon

booth. We also provided salmon for members at the annual picnic.

#### Club Storage:

The board received input from Dave Myers on storage unit pricing but no action was taken in Dave's absence. The board will explore switching storage units at the September meeting.

#### New Business:

President Loomis requested recommendations for the 2023 Bboard. Jim is not interested in another term as president, but Sheldon Coleman and Craig Anderson volunteered to stay on.

#### Meetings

- The next Board meeting is September 27<sup>nd</sup>.
- The next General meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Recorded by: Jim Loomis

Submitted by: Ray Williams, Secretary

## September 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

by Ray Williams

The September CBFC Board meeting was held at 7 PM, as a Zoom multiparty connection, per the agenda provided by President Jim Loomis.

Board members connected: Jim Loomis, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Ray Williams, Rich Holten, Mike Wade, Bill Frier, Jeff Drowley, and Guy Reisenauer. Dale Schielke was present to aid in the

discussion relative to our Salmon Booth efforts.

Secretary's Report – Ray Williams reported that the August Minutes, as taken by Jim Loomis and formatted by himself, were submitted to the board for approval. No comments nor corrections were received. The minutes taken for August were approved by the Board as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman presented a Profit and Loss Report covering August 17<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>. The report indicated that our total assets were above our year average for this present time period. The Board approved the Treasurers Report as presented. Sheldon provided the Board with data presenting the financial benefits of the Salmon Booth to the Club's income. Discussion followed. See New Business.

Membership Report – Rich Holten stated that the membership was at 96.

Programs Report - Craig Anderson reported on his efforts for future programs including the following:

- The October "Member Speakers" will include Sheldon Coleman, Craig Anderson, and Mike Wade. Mike will be presenting his Mongolia Trip.
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Jim Loomis and Rich Holten led the discussion on meeting attendance problems. The September meeting's dinner attendance did not meet the 25 dinner minimum. Topics included

evaluating caller response issues such as non-returned phone tree calls. Rich stated that each club member has given the Club their preferred phone contact number. Messages should be responded to with a call back for an attendance "yes".

Conservation Report – Dennis Dauble provided by e-mail details on our Club's possible supports for the Hatchery Creek bridge project. A request was made for our Club to pay for two signs at the end of the road; one on a post and one on the hatchery creek boundary fence (south side of the creek). We'd also have to rustle up volunteers to clear a path through nasty weeds, brush, and Russian Olives. The estimated cost was \$200 for the signs. The Board agreed to provide funding for the signs. A work party will be TBD.

Newsletter Editors Report - Input dates and other issues – Editor Mike Wade noted that he will need inputs for the October Newsletter before the EOB September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mike reported to the Board that he is stepping down as Newsletter Editor for next year.

### Old Business

Lochsa River - September Outing:

The event was attended by 8 members. The weather was great and the fishing was good, especially fish size. The group's Club dinner was held in camp this year, not at the gazebo.

Board Members – Nomination Candidates, 2023:

President Loomis presented recommendations for the 2023 Board. Non-filled nominations positions are;

President, At-Large Member, and Newsletter Editor.

Club Storage:

The board needs inputs from Dave Myers on storage unit pricing and locations. No action was taken in Dave's absence. The board will explore switching storage units at the October meeting. Floor size and ceiling height are needed to be evaluated before our present storage contract expires at year's end.

### New Business:

RiverFest – 2022:

The Club will be supporting this event on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will be held at Columbia Park, Lampson Pit area. Club members supporting will give fly casting demos. The club will supply rod and reels.

Salmon Booth:

The discussion was led by Dale Schielke. His concerns are that the event will be harder to support in 2023. The Arts in the Park Committee is not making it any easier for us to make a decent profit. They are asking us to commit in early November. Moreover, the City of Richland is looking at letting Food Trucks support the event. A significant effort is required by Dale, Dave Myers, and other volunteers, to prepare for the event; support setup, operation and take down of the salmon booth. We had uncontrollable parameters affecting 2022's effort. Summer heat, a last minute site switch to a section with no electrical power, and a low demand for salmon meals.

The Rod and Gun Club is looking into dropping the event. Their Board is

exploring other alternatives for fund raising. (i.e., event catering, raffles, etc.). The event without Rod and Gun Club support would be very difficult.

Jim Loomis recommend a side group be formed to address this issue. Jim will ask Reed Kaldor, and Craig Anderson to join him to work on this issue. Dale Sckielke and Dave Myers will be asked to support and act as liaisons with the Rod and Gun Club.

Fred Riedel's Passing:

Fred has bequeathed his fly fishing equipment to our Club for use and/or disposal. Craig Anderson took action to evaluate and disposition the equipment for possible fund raising at Club meetings and banquet raffles.

### Meetings

The next club meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>. The next board meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.



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Name(s) of Family Member(s) or Business

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